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"Crack" is the street name given to cocain
hydrochloride to a free base for smoking. It is ir
stimulant to the central nervous system. Crack i
extremely addictive. Anyone using crack may b
some cases, people who try crack become instan

Methods of Intake:

Smoked

THE HIGH:

Crack reaches the brain in less than 8 seconds and produces a "high" which peaks in 10-15 seconds and lasts only 15 minutes. This "high" is produced because crack tricks the brain into releasing chemicals that produce a false feeling of intense pleasure.

THE LOW:

The "high" is immediately followed by an intense "low". The "low" begins with feelings of sadness and depression, followed by irritability, sleeplessness, and paranoia. Finally, the user experiences a schizophrenic-like psychosis with delusions and hallucinations. The use of crack is also accompanied by a number of physical side effects.

Side Effects:

Chronic sore throat
Bronchitis
Respiratory problems
Weight loss
Brain seizures
Sweating
High blood pressure
Hoarseness
Lung cancer
Slowed digestion
Increased heart rate

at has been processed from cocaine
e form of small, hard, white chunks and is a
eadlier than other forms of cocaine and is
me an addict in two to three weeks, and in
addicted the first time they use the drug.

Dilated pupils
Heart attack
Shortness of breath
Emphysema
Burning of the lips/tongue/throat
Increased blood pressure
Increased body temperature
Increased blood sugar levels

Withdrawal Effects:

Nausea
Paranoia
Physical problems
Intense craving of the drug

Sources:

- http://www.lec.org/DrugSearch/Documents/Alcohol.html

- http://www.nida.nih.gov/Infofax/cocaine.html

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATOR

If you would like to know what substance abuse treatment providers are in your community, contact one of the following helplines:

1-800-662-HELP
1-800-662-9832 (Español)
1-800-228-0427 (TTY)

OR, visit the following website:
http://dasis4.samhsa.gov

If you have any questions about alcohol or other drugs, call:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

1-866-213-0548 (toll-free Voice)
1-866-843-7344 (toll-free TTY)

If you have questions about any Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) program, call or visit your FCRC. We will answer your questions. If you do not know where your FCRC is or if you are unable to go there, you may call the automated helpline 24 hours a day at:

1-800-843-6154

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

You may speak to a representative between:

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday (except state holidays)

For answers to your questions, you may also write:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Bureau of Customer and Provider Assistance
100 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62762

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www.dhs.state.il.us

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